

**SPECIAL MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 7, 2020**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held via Zoom Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

PRESENT Chairman Bryan R. Hall, Secretary Tyron Harris, Harry Amadasun, Jr., Vanessa Jenkins, Marilyn Pet, Dorese Roberts, Tom Rup, Valerie Scheer, Stephanie Watkins

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Anne Marie Mancini, Deputy Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum
Elsie Torres, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum
Ben Whittaker, Chief Operations Officer
Chris Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Roberta J. Pratt, Chief Information Officer of Information Technology
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Introduction and Swearing in of Student Representatives to the Board of Education:

Chairman Bryan R. Hall administered the Oath of Office to Student Representative, Sherisa Smith representing Connecticut IB Academy. Delilah Terrero, representing East Hartford High School, was absent and will be sworn in at a later date.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Harry Amadasun, Jr.
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting: November 16, 2020 at 7:02 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting: November 18, 2020 at 1:08 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Harry Amadasun, Jr.
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Joint Budget Meeting: November 30, 2020 at
6:04 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Harry Amadasun, Jr.
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting: December 1, 2020 at 6:05 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Sherisa Smith, CIBA

Updates:

- **CIBA is using Instagram** for morning announcements to improve student engagement @JoeCIBA
- **Fridays-** College acceptance congratulations shared on announcements
- **12/04/2020-** Group of CIBA students attended virtual leadership conferences
- **Virtual Clubs** are being offered to allow access for all students interested
- **12/18/2020-** Virtual student Bake-Off

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Linda Luciano, 281 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114

Hannah Boaitey, 364 Bidwell Street, Manchester, CT 06040

Madison Campbell-Gil, 222 Park Avenue, East Hartford, CT 06108

Abigail Islam, 92 Andover Street, Hartford, CT 06112

Favor Uwaya, 191 Eldridge Street, Manchester, CT 06040

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INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

Bryan R. Hall

Chairman Hall welcomed fellow Board members, Administration, and the audience. He shared his appreciation for the culmination of hard work put into the current budget season. He noted there is a full agenda which includes a presentation by Dr. Sharon Bremner regarding the Special Education process.

Additionally, on the agenda, Chairman Hall will ask for a motion to move the Superintendent's Budget for FY22 forward for a full Board Vote. This motion will simply acknowledge the understanding of the current budget document and willingness to take the next step out of our workshop sessions.

Finally, Chairman Hall shared an important calendar revision item that Deputy Superintendent Mancini will present regarding another adaptation of the EHPS ReOpening Plan. He shared that he is pleased to see our district continue to learn and modify the plan. The calendar changes provide an opportunity to allow appropriate training for our faculty as they continue to work hard to engage the youth of East Hartford.

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

-Updates from the District:

- FY 2021-2022 Budget Process: Superintendent Quesnel briefly summarized the main cost drivers and mitigation strategies that were implemented to arrive at the final proposed budget allocation.
- Transition to Full District to Remote Learning Experience (RLE): November 30, 2020 through January 19, 2021, EHPS has canceled In-Person (IP) classes and shifted to a Remote Learning (RLE) schedule for all students, Pre-K through grade 12.

-Dates to Remember:

- **12/21/20:** Next BoE Meeting
- **1/19/21:** Return of EHPS students to In-Person Learning: RLE Model will remain as it currently exists.
- **6/8/21:** Last Day of School

Special Education Overview

Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Dr. Bremner gave a comprehensive Special Education overview which highlighted commonly used terms, state statues, requirements, services and eligibility. Dr. Bremner also presented the details of special education programming, enrollment and financial data for the EHPS Pupil Personnel Services Department.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Approval of the Board of Education Committee Assignments, 2020-2021

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve of the Board of Education Committee Assignments, 2020-2021
Motion unanimously carried.

Recommendation to Approve moving the Superintendents Proposed FY22 Budget for a vote at the December 21, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve moving the Superintendents Proposed FY22 Budget for a vote at the December 21, 2020 Board of Education Meeting
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Revised 2020-2021 District Calendar

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve of the Revised 2020-2021 District Calendar
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports

Board Member Marilyn Pet gave an update on the Garden Club. It continues to be successful given the pandemic. She shared her congratulations to Goodwin School for their diligent work in a contest application which won them Thanksgiving meals for their entire school community.

Questions and Concerns by Board Members - None

Topics for Future Agendas

Board Member Valerie Scheer requested to have the new Fine and Performing Arts Director, Thomas Scavone, provide an update regarding the Lift Every Voice & Sing Project and an update on how Music and Arts are adapting to the Remote Learning Experience at a future meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Vanessa Jenkins
To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (9:08 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.